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Serial No.: 10/757,683 Examiner: Unknown  
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For: CATHETER SHAFT HAVING DISTAL SUPPORT

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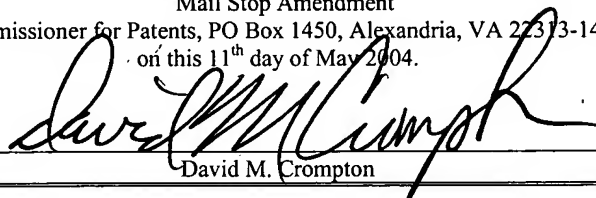
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TOTAL CLAIMS	-	=		X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$
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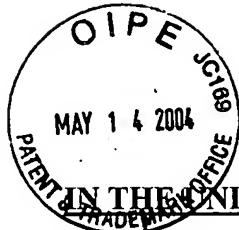
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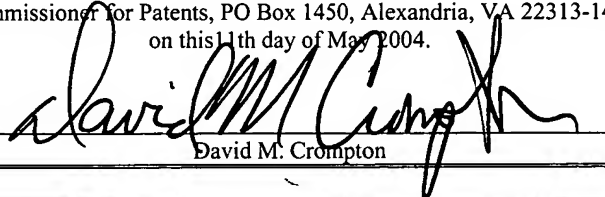
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed.

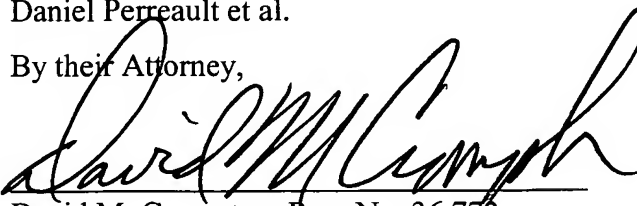
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. patent/publication document or other information listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

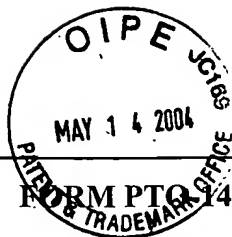
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